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SUBJECT: PREPARATION FOR JANUARY 1978 MEETING OF ECOSOC
WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES

REF: (A) GENEVA 6634 (NOTAL); (B) STATE 144233;
(C) USUN 5254 (NOTAL)

1. FIRST MEETING OF EXPANDED WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT

PRACTICES PURSUANT TO ECOSOC RES. 2122 (REF. A) IS SCHEDULED FOR NEW YORK WEEK OF JANUARY 23. IN PREPARATION FOR THAT MEETING WE NEED TO TAKE STEPS (1) TO IDENTIFY NEW WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN TO REPLACE PARSI (IRAN) WHO IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THAT POSITION, (2) TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION BY SUFFICIENT COUNTRIES TO MEET MINIMUM QUORUM REQUIREMENTS (FOUR PER "INTERESTED GEOGRAPHICAL GROUP") OF RES. 2122 AND TO ENCOURAGE BROADER PARTICIPATION AND (3) TO INITIATE PLANNING WITH SECRETARIAT AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO ENSURE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS AT THE MEETING.

2. WE ANTICIPATE NO PROBLEM WITH WEO DEL ATTENDANCE AND SECRETARIAT DOES NOT REGARD THE EE GROUP AS AN "INTERESTED" REGIONAL GROUP IN THIS CONTEXT. (REF. C, PARA. 1(B).) THEREFORE, WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE G-77 PARTICIPANTS IN THE ORIGINAL 18-MEMBER WORKING GROUP CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE NEXT YEAR AND THAT OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BE ENCOURAGED TO DO SO.

3. FOR USUN: WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONTINUE WORK DESCRIBED IN REF. C, INCLUDING CONTACTS WITH THE SECRETARIAT AND KEY UN DELS TO DEVELOP POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRMAN AND ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKING GROUP. WITH THE TRANSFER OF RIVAS (COLOMBIA) AND PARSI, WE NEED TO FIND ANOTHER LDC REPRESENTATIVE WHO WOULD BE AN EFFECTIVE CHAIRMAN. WE APPRECIATE YOUR WORK THUS FAR, AND WE WOULD

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LIKE YOU TO IDENTIFY ANY WILLING INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING AMBASSADORS, WHO WOULD HAVE THE NECESSARY QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP AND OBJECTIVITY. IN LIGHT OF PARA 1(A) REF C, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON POSSIBLE LATIN AMERICAN CANDIDATES FOR THIS POSITION.

4. WE WELCOME THE NEWS THAT THE ECOSOC SECRETARIAT WILL BE ISSUING INVITATIONS TO ALL UN MEMBERS NEXT WEEK. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATIVES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO MIGHT TAKE A CONSTRUCTIVE INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN WORKING GROUP, AND TO NOTIFY US OF WHICH COUNTRIES THEY ARE FROM. WE WOULD THEN FOLLOW UP WITH APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS IN CAPITALS, ENCOURAGING THE PARTICIPATION OF THOSE COUNTRIES IN WORKING GROUP. ALSO, IN YOUR CONTACTS WITH THE G-77 DELS THAT PARTICIPATED IN WORKING GROUP LAST YEAR, WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE ACTIVE WORK IN THE EXPANDED WORKING GROUP. IN VIEW OF QUORUM REQUIREMENTS OF RES. 2122, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FIRM IDEA OF LIKELY PARTICIPANTS WELL BEFORE JANUARY 23 MEETING.

5. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON PREPARATIONS

THAT CAN BE MADE IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING TO FACILITATE
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS.

6. FOR OTHER ACTION ADDRESSEES: POSTS SHOULD INVITE HOST
GOVERNMENTS' ATTENTION TO ECOSOC RES. 2122 (REF. A) AND
ENCOURAGE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN WORKING GROUP. AGAIN
BECAUSE OF THE RESOLUTION'S QUORUM REQUIREMENTS, WE WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE FIRM IDEA OF THEIR INTENTIONS WELL BEFORE
JANUARY 23 MEETING. YOU SHOULD CALL PARTICULAR ATTENTION
TO MANDATE OF WORKING GROUP IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF RES. 2122
TO DRAFT AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS.

7. YOU MAY DRAW ON TALKING POINTS PROVIDED IN PARA. 6 OF
REF. B AS APPROPRIATE. CHRISTOPHER UNQTE CHRISITOPHER
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